

SW E H C O R D E O T Y I O N U V T A R S U I S O T N ?

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PAK
VAN LENTE
PHAM
NEARY
CALERO

THE INCREDIBLE



A MINISTERING
ANGEL SHALL
MY SISTER BE.

~ WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE

BIG SISTERS
ARE THE CRAB
GRASS IN THE
LAWN OF LIFE.

~ CHARLES M. SCHULZ

THE MIGHTY **HERCULES**.



A GOD AMONGST MEN.
A WARRIOR SUPERB.

HIS SISTER
ATHENA



SPRUNG FROM THE HEAD OF ZEUS!



HATH LED HE AND **AMADEUS CHO** (WITH PUP IN
TOW) TO A **COUNCIL OF GODS**, FOR MYSTERIOUS
SKRULL-RELATED REASONS.











FOR URANIA IS NO MORTAL FORTUNE-TELLER, BUT MY SISTER, THE MUSE OF PROPHECY.

SHE FOREWARNED ME OF HER VISION, AND I HAVE FOREWARNED YOU, THE COUNCIL ELITE OF EARTH'S PANTHEONS.

WE CANNOT SURVIVE IF THE SHAPE-SHIFTING SKRULLS SUCCEED IN WIPING OUT HUMANITY. AN ALIEN PANTHEON WILL REPLACE US, THE COSMIC AXIS WILL SHIFT--

--AND THE GOD-EATER WILL LAY WASTE TO US ALL.



I HAVE ALSO HAD TO TAKE MORTAL EMPLOYMENT... THANKS TO THE OLYMPIAN DIASPORA...

...AS A SECURITY CONSULTANT FOR THE ATLAS FOUNDATION...

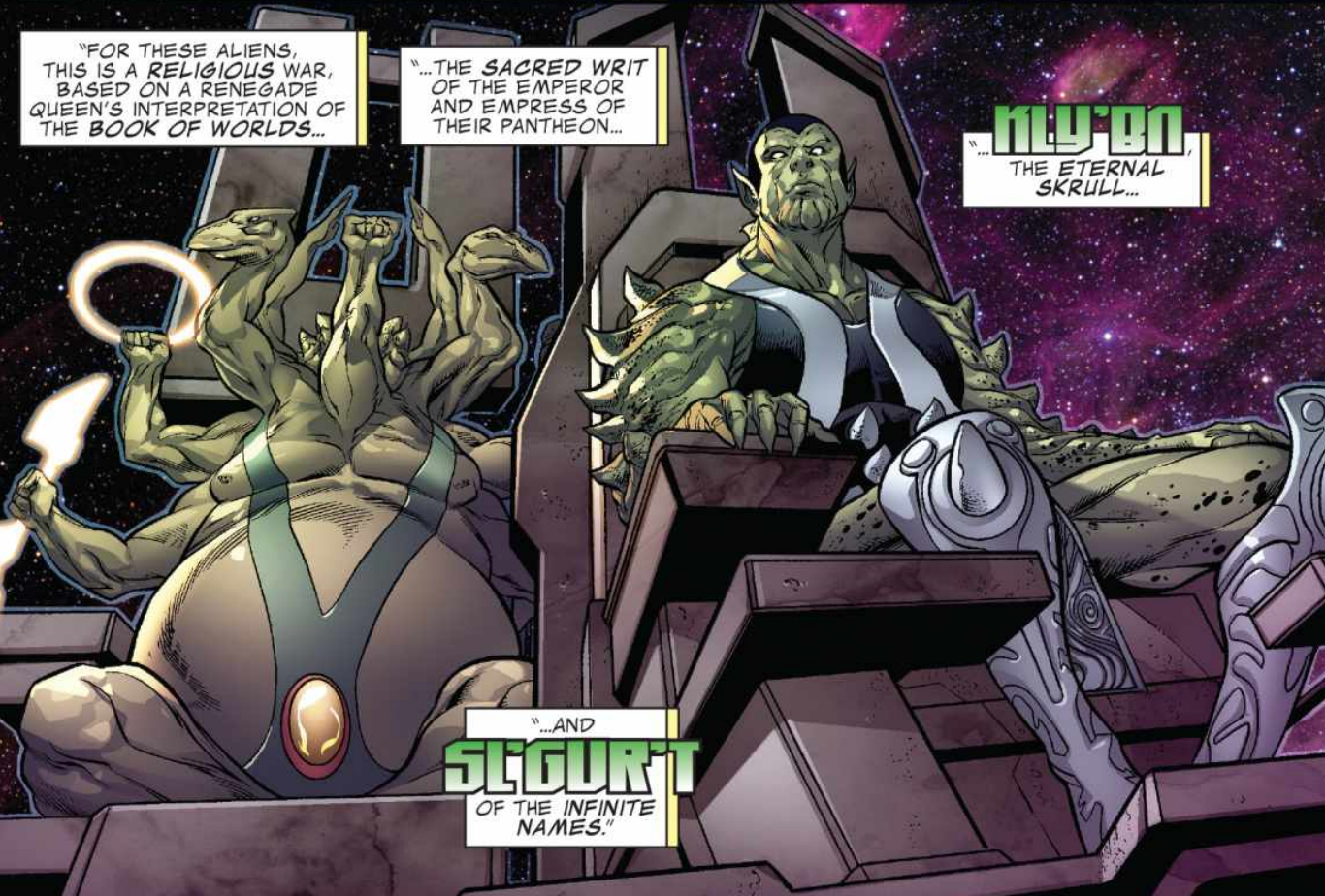
...FROM WITHIN WHOSE RANKS I UNCOVERED AND BEHEADED THIS IMPOSTER...



...BUT NOT BEFORE EXTRACTING THE INTELLIGENCE I NEEDED.

SPRK

SPOK



"FOR THESE ALIENS, THIS IS A RELIGIOUS WAR, BASED ON A RENEGADE QUEEN'S INTERPRETATION OF THE BOOK OF WORLDS..."

"...THE SACRED WRIT OF THE EMPEROR AND EMPRESS OF THEIR PANTHEON..."

KLY'DN
"...THE ETERNAL SKRULL..."

"...AND
SEIGURT
OF THE INFINITE NAMES."



MY
STRATEGY IS
SIMPLE AND
DIRECT:

WE SHALL
SEND OUR OWN
INVASION FORCE INTO
THE REALM OF THE SKRULL
PANTHEON AND SLAY
THESE DIVINE
INTERLOPERS...

...FOR DEAD
GODS CANNOT
COMMAND THEIR
FOLLOWERS TO
CONQUER THIS
PLANET.

OUR LEGIONS
WILL BE LED BY
NONE OTHER THAN THE
BRAVEST OF THE
GODS OF THE
WEST...



HERE IT
COMES...

...MY
BROTHER
HERCULES
PRINCE OF
POWER!

ACCOMPANIED
BY HIS MORTAL
ARMS-BEARER,
THE BOY GENIUS
AMADEUS CHO...

...AND HIS
DOG.

COYOTE.

COYOTE.



WHOA.



HM!

ER...SEE
HOW THE LION OF
OLYMPUS ACHES TO
UNLEASH HIS WRATH





WHO AMONG
YOU HAS THE
COURAGE TO STAND
WITH HIM IN THIS,
OUR DARKEST
HOUR?



HODIAK
AND THE GODS
OF THE NORTH
STAND WITH YOU,
ATHENA
PARTHENOS.

TO THIS
GREAT HUNTING
PARTY WE ADD THE
STRENGTH AND GUILLE
OF OUR MIGHTIEST
CHAMPION...



...NARYA, DAUGHTER OF
NELVANNA, TAMER OF
KOLOMAQ, SLAYER OF
TANARAK, SCOURGE
OF THE REALM
OF BEASTS...

...SHE WHO
IS BETTER
KNOWN ON THE
MORTAL PLANE
AS--



SNOWBIRD!

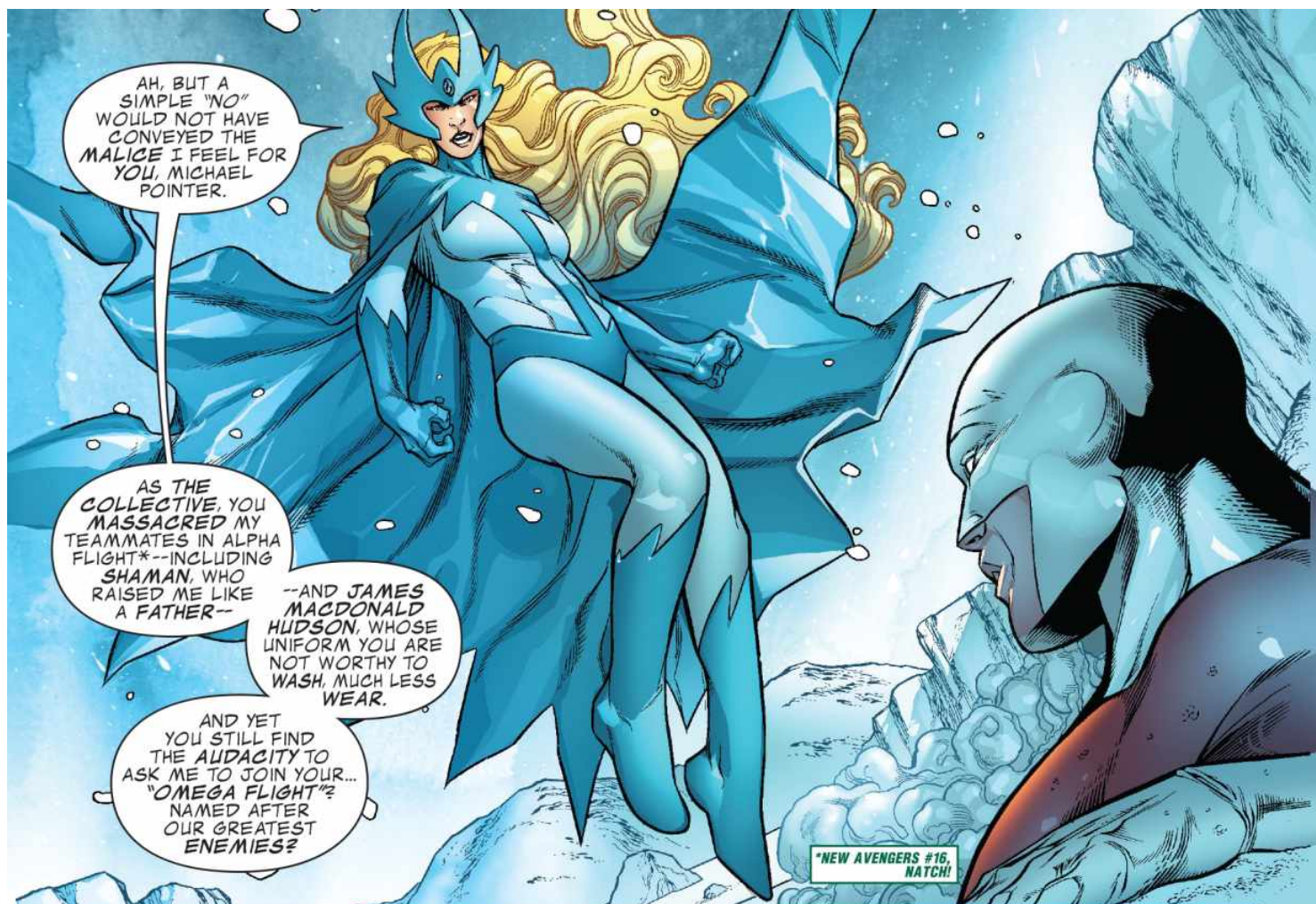
KWADAGHH!



UNNHH

...A
SIMPLE NO
WOULD HAVE
SUFFICED.

CAPE COLUMBIA, CANADA.



AH, BUT A SIMPLE "NO" WOULD NOT HAVE CONVEYED THE MALICE I FEEL FOR YOU, MICHAEL POINTER.

AS THE COLLECTIVE, YOU MASSACRED MY TEAMMATES IN ALPHA FLIGHT*--INCLUDING SHAMAN, WHO RAISED ME LIKE A FATHER--

--AND JAMES MACDONALD HUDSON, WHOSE UNIFORM YOU ARE NOT WORTHY TO WASH, MUCH LESS WEAR.

AND YET YOU STILL FIND THE AUDACITY TO ASK ME TO JOIN YOUR... "OMEGA FLIGHT"? NAMED AFTER OUR GREATEST ENEMIES?

NEW AVENGERS #16, HATCH!

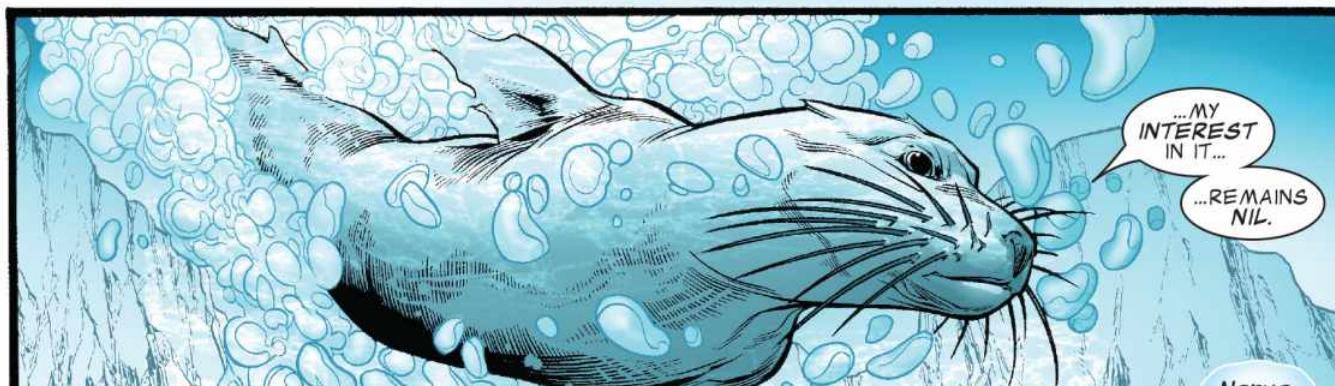
YOU WOULD PREFER A "NO"?

YOU SHOULD THANK WHATEVER GODS THAT WILL HAVE YOU THAT I DO NOT KILL YOU ON SIGHT.



ALPHA FLIGHT IS DEAD. MY MARRIAGE IS OVER.

I WAS GIVEN LIFE SOLELY TO BATTLE THE GREAT BEASTS, AND UNTIL THEY RETURN AGAIN TO MENACE THIS HUMAN WORLD...



...MY INTEREST IN IT...

...REMAINS NIL.



Your kin again have *need* of you.

A long journey, fraught with perils, for which we shall release you--*temporarily*--from the mystic ban against your leaving the Northern Dominion.

IS IT THE BEASTS, UNCLE HODIAK?

Nay, child...

"...It is far, far worse."

THIS IS JUST LIKE HER!!

IT TOOK US HOW MANY DAYS TO DRIVE CROSS-COUNTRY?

AND IN THAT WHOLE TIME, DID SHE ONCE SAY:

JOOMBABACKRACKAJRUMMMMM

"OH, BY THE WAY, LITTLE BROTHER, WOULD YOU MIND LEADING A MOTLEY COALITION OF RIVAL GODS ON AN INTERGALACTIC SUICIDE MISSION? YES? GREAT! THANKS."

NO! SHE JUST GOES AHEAD AND DOES IT!

BRRRRJ
GLLLAAAAJ



BECAUSE SHE'S ATHENA! SHE KNOWS WHAT'S BEST FOR EVERYBODY!

SHE IS THE GODDESS OF WISDOM...

...AND BESIDES, IT'S NOT LIKE YOU HAVEN'T DONE THIS KIND OF THING BEFORE--



ACTUALLY, IT'S EXACTLY LIKE I'VE NEVER DONE THIS KIND OF THING BEFORE!

BUT YOU WERE IN THE ARGONAUTS--THE AVENGERS--

AS THE BRAWLER, THE ROUSTABOUT!

WHAT'S THE BIG--



I WAS NEVER

THE LEADER!!

IOLKOS, THESSALY,
1289 B.C.

"LEADERS...
TRUE
LEADERS..."

"...INSPIRE,
LIKE CAPTAIN
AMERICA--"

"OR SWEET-TALK GOLD
OUT OF ITS LUSTER,
LIKE JASON, WHEN HE
GATHERED TOGETHER THE
GREATEST HEROES IN
ALL OF GREECE..."

...AND LED
THE BEST OF
THEM TO THEIR
DEATHS.

AMADEUS,
YOU HAVE TO
RUN.

WHAT?

ATHENA HAS HER EYE
ON YOU. AND THAT'S
NEVER A GOOD
THING FOR A
MORTAL.

DUDE, I JUST
SURVIVED HULK'S
VERY BAD, NO GOOD
DAY AND OUR
LITTLE WAR WITH
S.H.I.E.L.D.

IF YOU THINK I'M
GONNA LET A
COUPLE OF ALL-
POWERFUL SKRULL
GODS RUIN
MY DAY...

LOOK,
LET'S MAKE
A DEAL.

I DON'T
GET KILLED...
AND YOU DO
YOUR GOD-
THING...

...AND
LET'S SAVE
THE DAMN
WORLD.

THE GODS
OF THE SOUTH
CHOSE TOGETHER
OUR GREAT HERO
TEAM MATTIN LORD

"...CALLED AT HIS
CREATION AJAK
OF THE ETERNALS,
HE WHO TALKS
WITH CELESTIALS.

"BUT WHILE HE
REMAINED ENSCONCED
IN THE CITADEL OF
THE SPACE GODS, HIGH
IN THE ANDES, PORING
OVER THE RECORDS OF
THE THIRD HOST...

"...HE PAUSED
TO DEFEND THE
INCAN PEOPLE
INNUMERABLE
TIMES AGAINST
DEMONIC
INTERLOPERS FROM
UKU PACHA, THE
LOWER WORLD..."

LOMBARD STREET, SAN FRANCISCO. THREE DAYS AGO.

...AND
YET HERE YOU TOIL
IN MENIAL LABOR? YOU,
WHO SINGLE-HANDEDLY
DECIPHERED THE FRACTAL
SCRIPTURES OF JEMIAH
THE ANALYZER?

DO YOU
NOT FIND THIS
WORK BENEATH
YOU, AJAK
TECUMOTZIN?

ONLY A
FOOL FINDS
WORKING WITH THE
CLEAN EARTH
DE MEANING.

BESIDES,
SINCE THE
DREAMING CELESTIAL
APPEARS TO FAVOR MY
COUSIN MAKKARI, I
LACK FOR OTHER
OCCUPATION...

...SO YOUR
OFFER DOES
APPEAL...



...OLD FRIEND
TEZCATLIPOCA,
GOD OF THE
SMOKING
MIRROR.

NOW THIS SKRULL THREAT
MUST BE **GENUINE**, TO
HAVE UNITED THE DIVINE
TRIBES OF AZTEC,
MAYA AND INCA.

INDEED.
OUR **SACRED**
CALENDARS SHOW
THEIR FLEET WILL ARRIVE
BY THE FEAST OF THE
HILLS, IF NOT
SOONER.

SO
WE KNOW
THE **SPINSTER**
GODDESS IS
SINCERE IN HER
WARNING...



...BUT THAT
DOES NOT MEAN
WE ENTIRELY
TRUST HER.

WE OF THE
FLOATING WORLD
HAVE NO EXPERIENCE
WITH THESE "SUPER PEOPLE,"
LIKE ATHENA'S BROTHER
AND HODIAK'S NIECE. YOU DO.



WE CAN
COUNT ON YOU
TO PROTECT OUR
INTERESTS,
TECUMOTZIN.

IT'S BEEN
ALMOST A
MILLENNIUM
SINCE I LAST
BORE THAT
NAME...

...BUT A
CAMPAIGN
AGAINST THE
SKRULLS MIGHT
SERVE MY
PURPOSES
AS WELL.



"FOR, JUST AS HERE
ON EARTH THE SPACE
GODS SPLIT HUMANITY
INTO ETERNAL AND
DEVIAN STRAINS...

"...SO THEIR GENETIC
MANIPULATION ON THE
SKRULL HOMEWORLD
GAVE THE DEVIAN
OFFSHOOT OF THE
DOMINANT SPECIES
THEIR **SHAPE-SHIFTING**
POWERS...

"...WHICH THEY
THEN USED TO
EXTERMINATE
THEIR COMPETING
RACES.

"THIS ADVENTURE
COULD GREATLY
EXPAND MY KNOWLEDGE
OF THE CELESTIALS
AND THEIR WAYS...



...AND THAT
WOULD SHOW
MAKKARI.

ALL RIGHT,
TEZCATLIPOCA...



"...I'M IN."

OKAY,
NO MORE
KICKING STUFF,
RIGHT?

HOW 'BOUT
PUNCHING?

HEH.

THE GODS
OF THE EAST HAVE
MET AND CHOSEN
AS WELL, ATHENA
PARTHENOS.



TO FETCH OUR...REPRESENTATIVE, I,
IZANAGI-NO-MIKOTO, DESCENDED
MYSELF INTO YOMI, THE SHADOWY
LAND OF THE DEAD...



"...WHERE I HAD NOT
TREADED SINCE I
TRIED TO RESCUE MY
WIFE, IZANAMI, WHO
DIED BIRTHING FIRE..."



EH HEH
HEH HEH
HEH...

GREEEEEEEEEEEE



I BEAR
FAVORABLE
TIDINGS, AUGUST-
STAR-OF-
MORNING.

A WAY
FOR YOU TO
RESTORE YOUR
HONOR...









HAVE AT THEE!

JYWOIM-JA-BOOM!

HSSSS!

RRRAAAGH!

HA HA
HA HA HA
HA HA...



THE FIRMAMENT IS COLLAPSING AROUND YOU, YET STILL ALL YOU DO IS BICKER AND BRAWL...

...CAN THERE BE ANY DOUBT THAT THIS IS THE BEGINNING OF THE END?

GREAT.

GOD-EATER! YOU RAN FROM OLYMPUS THE LAST TIME WE MET! WILL YOU GIVE ME A FIGHT TODAY?

I AM THE END OF THE END, GREEK. YOU WILL KNOW I AM READY TO FIGHT YOU...

"CHECK OUT LAST MONTH'S 'HULK VS. HERCULES' FOR THAT TIMELESS TALE!"



...WHEN YOU ARE ALREADY DEAD.

BUT NOW I COME TO YOU AS ATUM, WHO FATHERED THE GODS OF EGYPT.

HAWK-HEADED HORUS, SON OF THE SON OF MY SON, HAS ASKED ME TO JOIN IN THIS POINTLESS FOLLY. AND FOR HIS SAKE, AND ONLY HIS SAKE, I HAVE AGREED.

WHY SHOULD I NOT? DOES NOT THE SHEPHERD DEFEND HIS FLOCK FROM WOLVES AND WEATHER...

...UNTIL THE DAY HE SLAUGHTERS THEM...

...AND HIS LOVE MAKES THEIR MEAT TASTE SO MUCH SWEETER?



LOOK AT YOU GUYS!

YOU SHOULD ALL GET MATCHING T-SHIRTS! "THE GOD SQUAD!" I



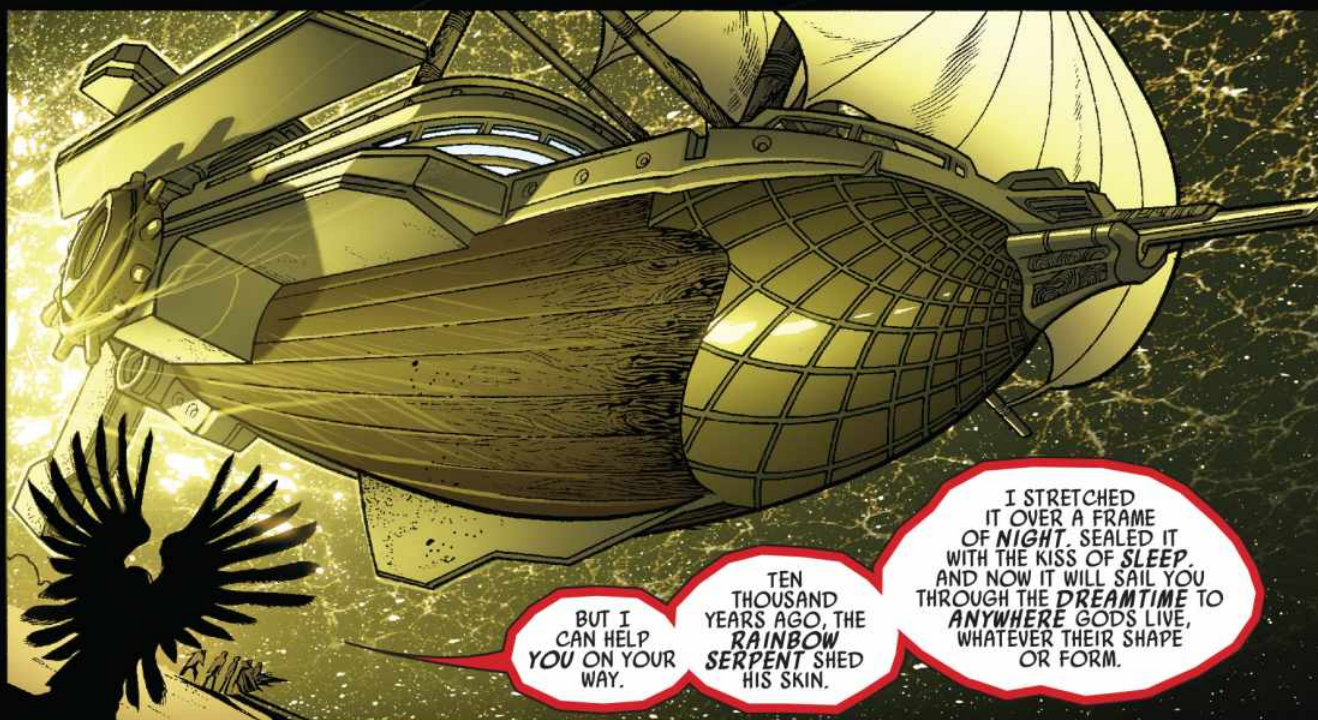
WHAT?



I THANK
YOU, GOD-
HEROES...

...AND I
OFFER YOU
MY GIFT.

I, ALTJIRA,
WHO CREATED
THIS WORLD FROM
THE DREAMTIME...
CANNOT LEAVE
IT.



BUT I
CAN HELP
YOU ON YOUR
WAY.

TEN
THOUSAND
YEARS AGO, THE
RAINBOW
SERPENT SHED
HIS SKIN.

I STRETCHED
IT OVER A FRAME
OF NIGHT. SEALED IT
WITH THE KISS OF SLEEP.
AND NOW IT WILL SAIL YOU
THROUGH THE DREAMTIME TO
ANYWHERE GODS LIVE,
WHATEVER THEIR SHAPE
OR FORM.



DUDE!
IT'S THE
GODMOBILE!

SSSH!

ALTHOUGH...
WHEN I
CONSTRUCTED
THE SHIP, I ASSUMED
IT WOULD CARRY A
MUCH LARGER FORCE.



AS
DID I.

I HAVE
ASSEMBLED THE
PARAGONS AND DIVINITIES
OF EVERY NATION AND

FIVE
WARRIORS? FIVE?



DO YOU THINK US CHILDREN, SUBTLE VIRGIN?

KWAKU ANANSI SCALED THE WALLS OF HEAVEN WHILE YOU GREEKS STILL LIVED IN CAVES.

SO I WILL SAY WHAT WE ARE ALL THINKING:



YOU ARE WEAVING A HIDDEN GARMENT, ATHENA PARTHENOS.

WE KNOW NOT WHAT FORM IT TAKES, BUT LIKE A SHAPE LURKING IN THE DARKNESS, WE KNOW THAT IT IS THERE.

YOU SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF ZEUS ARE WITHOUT A KINGDOM AT PRESENT, AND PERCHANCE A TAD DESPERATE.

IF WE DEplete OUR FORCES SALLYING AGAINST THE SKRULLS, THAT WOULD LEAVE OUR OWN REALMS OPEN TO CONQUEST BY YOU OLYMPIANS.



I WONDER-- WHY DID YOU NOT INVITE THE ASGARDIANS, AMONG THE MOST POWERFUL OF OUR COUSINS, TO JOIN THIS OF SUCH IMPORTANCE TO YOU?

THE ASGARDIANS HAVE JUST REGENERATED AFTER RAGNAROK.

THEY ARE TOO VULNERABLE TO SKRULL INFILTRATION TO BE TRUSTED--



PSH. WHAT SKRULL COULD MIMIC THE POWER OF MIGHTY THOR?

YOU WANT OUR TRUST? CALL ON THE ODINSON. HE WOULD MAKE A FAR MORE SUITABLE LEADER THAN--

ENOUGH, LITTLE SPIDER!

YOU DARE INSULT--

AYE! I DARE ALL! DID NOT ATHENA CALL ME THE BRAVEST OF THE GODS?

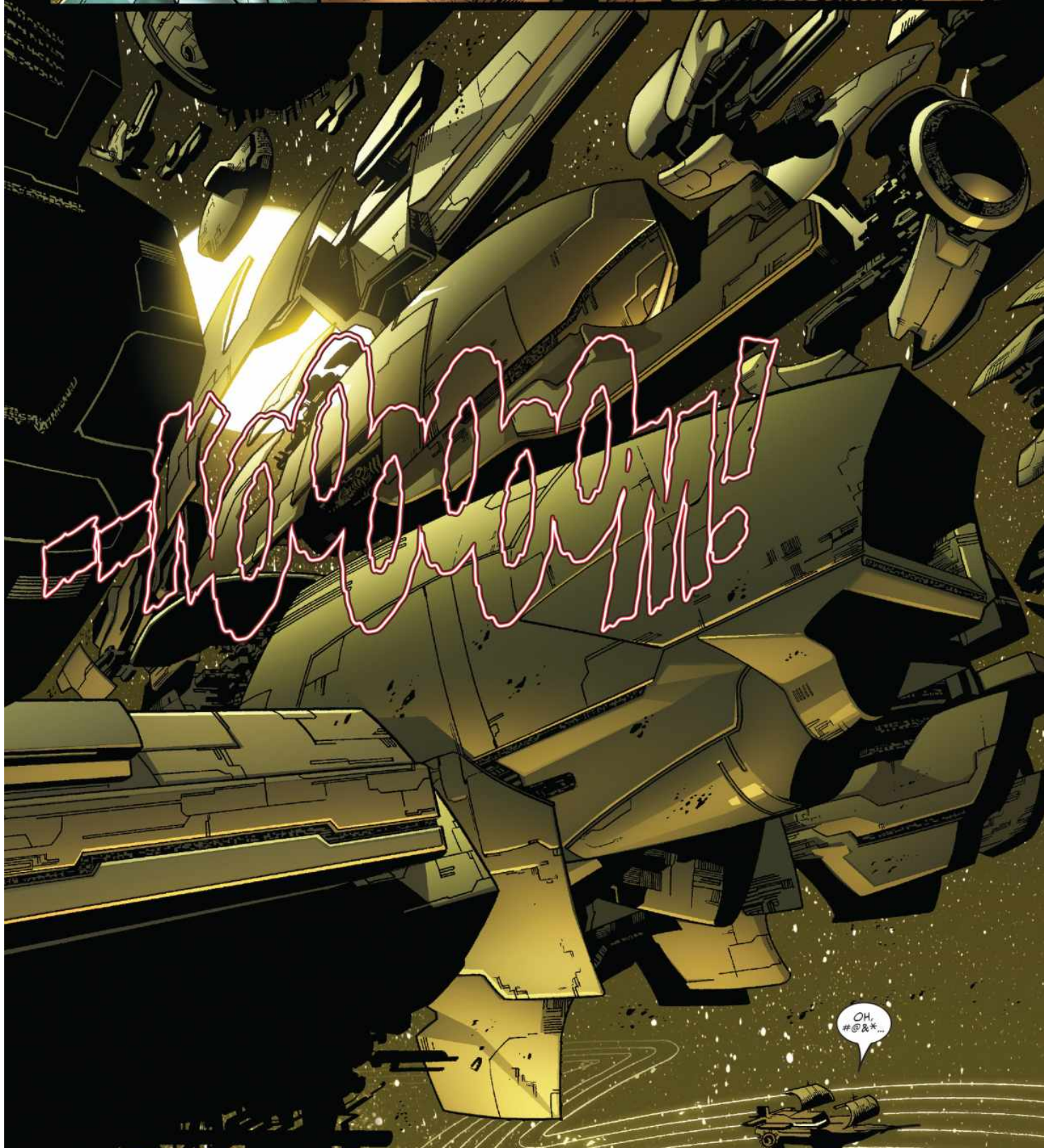
SO LET'S HEAR NO MORE TALK OF PRETTY LITTLE NORSE LINGS AND THEIR GOLDEN RINGLETS.

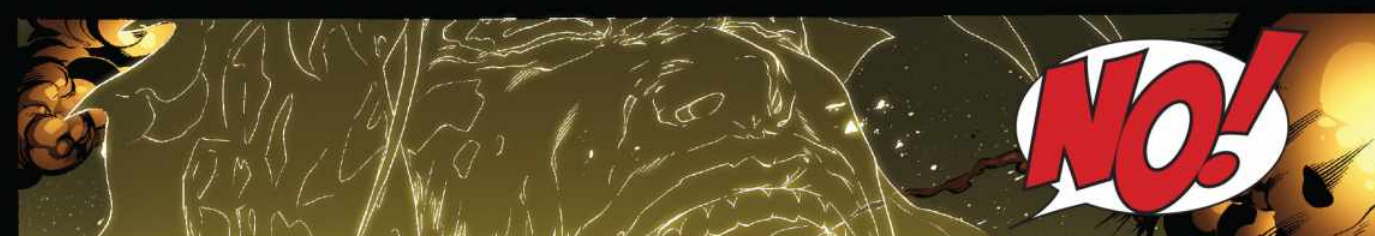


HERE STAND TITANS WHO TRADED BLOWS WITH THE PRINCE OF POWER AND STILL LIVE!

SNOWBIRD! AJAK! ATUM!

AND EVEN YOU, MIKABOSHI...





GRRAAAAAA!



NO.
GOOD
HAS NOTHING
TO DO WITH
IT.
URANIA
MADE ANOTHER
PROPHECY.



GOODBYE,
AMADEUS.





"... HAVE YOUR
SISTER'S LOVELY
EYES..."



"... ALWAYS
BEEN SO
GREEN?"

THE GOD SQUAD

PART ONE OF SACRED INVASION

GREG PAK & RAFA ROGER MARTEGOD VC's JOE ROMITA, JANSON JOE NATHAN MARK JOE DAN
FRED VAN LENTE SANDOVAL BONET GRACIA CARAMAGNA & WHITE SARINO COSRY PANICCIA OUESADA BUCKLEY

NEXT ISSUE!



BOO!

(It's Nightmare)

GET THESE!



HULK #4



SKAAR: SON OF HULK #1



HULK: RAGING THUNDER

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